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To whom it may concern:

January 12, 2009

This is a letter in support of Senate Bill No. 164 to expand the "Good Neighbor Policy." I am an adjacent land owner to the Lincoln Ranch in Toole & Pondera counties that was just acquired last year by FWP. Before this was purchased, several land owners asked where the funding would come from to manage the weeds on this property. Much of this property (40-50%) is covered in leafy spurge, Russian knapweed and perennial pepper weed. We never got an answer. Most of the boundary fence to this property is in disrepair or nonexistent. We asked where the funding would come from to fence it and never got an answer. I believe the Good Neighbor Policy needs to be amended to mandate that FWP have funding prior to purchase to manage any land they acquire.

The contractors and land surveyor have not been local for jobs done so far on this property. I believe that local workers should be used.

Sincerely:



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Attn: Senate Wildlife and Parks Committee

Re: Senate Bill 164

I , Joan Layne, of the Willow Rounds Ranch, located east of Valier, Montana, (and neighbor of the Charlie Lincoln ranch that was recently purchased by the FWP) am in support of Senate Bill 164, which states that Fish, Wildlife & Parks will maintain fences and practice noxious weed control on their existing and newly acquired land in order to respect adjoining landowners and or neighbors.

Thank You,
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Jan 14, 2009

Would strongly recommend that the Montana Legislature adopt LC 0802. To manage weeds on the property that the Dept of Fish Wildlife and Parks own. It is imperative that the state spends more time and energy managing the land that they own and purchase.

Thanks
Dale Seifert